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1. FOLLOWING RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS, PROSPECTS APPEAR TO BE IMPROVING FOR ENDING THE MARITIME OFFICERS' STRIKE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
2. MOSHE LEVI, CHAIRMAN OF THE HISTADRUT MARITIME DEPARTMENT, TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE OFFICERS' UNION APPEARED INCREASINGLY DIVIDED, WITH A GROWING NUMBER OF MEMBERS PUSHING FOR ENDING THE STRIKE AND RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE HISTADRUT, BACKED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND EMPLOYERS, INSISTS THAT OFFICERS AND RATINGS BE COVERED BY A SINGLE CONTRACT. OTHERWISE ANY CONCESSION TO THE OFFICERS WOULD BE OPPOSED BY THE RATINGS AND WOULD ENCOURAGE THE LATTER TO ESCALATE THEIR DEMANDS. CONTRACTS FOR BOTH UNIONS EXPIRED IN 1976 AND OFFICERS AND MEN HAVE WORKED SINCE ON THE BASIS OF INFORMAL INTERIM

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AGREEMENTS. THE RATINGS SUPPORT A SINGLE CONTRACT, BUT THE OFFICERS REMAIN OPPOSED.

3. AS A SIGN OF GREATER FLEXIBILITY OF THE OFFICERS' UNION, ITS STRIKE CALL TO SHIPS IN FOREIGN PORTS HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. OFFICERS HAVE ALSO RELENTED ON PERMITTING THE UNLOADING OF PERISHABLE FREIGHT FROM

STRUCK SHIPS IN ISRAELI PORTS. HISTADRUT SECRETARY GENERAL MESHEL CALLED THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (ITF) HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT ITF WILL NOT BACK THE OFFICERS. OFFICERS HAD ASKED ITF TO CALL STRIKES ON ISRAELI SHIPS FLYING FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE WHOSE CREWS ARE NOT COVERED BY ITF APPROVED CONTRACTS. THEY ALSO WANTED PORT UNIONS AND PILOTS TO REFUSE MOVING ISRAELI SHIPS TIED UP IN FOREIGN PORTS.

4. HISTADRUT, SHIPPERS, AND GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED TO MAKE NO CONCESSIONS UNTIL THE STRIKE ENDS, BUT THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS RELUCTANT TO INVOKE EMERGENCY ORDERS. ONLY IF THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH RESUMED THE EVENING OF APRIL 18 BREAK DOWN AGAIN, WILL THE GOVERNMENT USE SUCH ORDERS TO END THE STRIKE.
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